

DAILY NEWSLETTER

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ISSUES #14

OPPOSITION GATHER FOR 2027 GENERAL ELECTIONS

Top Nigerian opposition figures, including PDP governors and Peter Obi, are discussing a coalition to challenge President Tinubu in the 2027 elections. They believe that unity is key to offering Nigerians a strong alternative. Talks are ongoing, with political strategies taking shape.



WORLD'S RICHEST WOMAN LOSE \$6.2 BILLION IN A SINGLE DAY

Walmart's stock decline has cost the Walton family \$6.2 billion in a day. China warns the retailer over tariffs, increasing market uncertainty. Alice Walton continues her focus on philanthropy while Walmart faces economic pressures.



Aliko Dangote Foundation

Dangote Distributes #16 Billion Rice to Nigerians

The Aliko Dangote Foundation has launched a #16 billion food aid program, distributing rice to one million Nigerians. The initiative, covering all 774 LGAs, aims to combat hunger and support vulnerable communities.

REPS APPROVE NEW VAT SHARING FORMULA

The House of Representatives has approved a new VAT sharing formula, allocating 55% to states and 35% to local governments. The revised tax bill also changes corporate tax filing, tax waivers, and the development levy distribution. Final approval is expected next week.

EL-RUFAl CLAIMS BUHARI SANCTIONED HIS DEFECTION

Nasir El-Rufai says he left APC with Buhari's blessing, accusing the party of abandoning its values. He also denied leaving because he was snubbed for a ministerial job.

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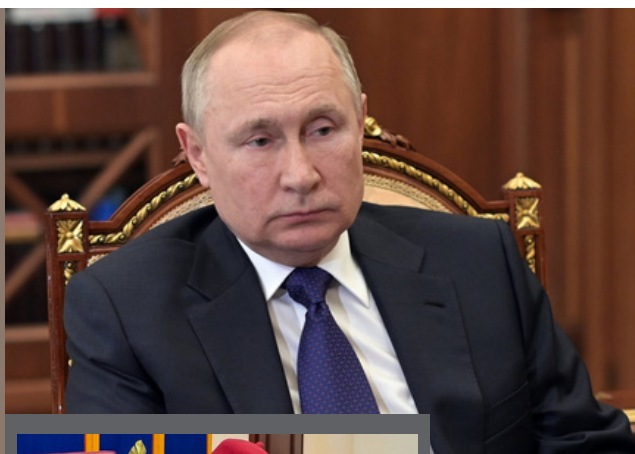
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INEC RELEASES VOTER'S REGISTER FOR RIVERS AHEAD OF AUGUST ELECTIONS

INEC has published the updated voter register for Rivers State, providing the list to RSIEC ahead of the August 9 local elections. Officials promise fair and credible polls.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT PUTIN READY FOR CEASEFIRE, BUT

Russian President Vladimir Putin says Moscow is willing to consider a U.S.-proposed ceasefire in Ukraine but insists on addressing the root causes. Meanwhile, Russian forces continue advancing, with Ukraine struggling to maintain key positions. Diplomatic discussions remain ongoing.



Fubara Writes Assembly Again for 2025 Budget Re-representation

Rivers Governor Siminalayi Fubara has written to the State Assembly, requesting a fresh budget presentation after being locked out during his first attempt on March 12.



OBASANJO WARNS TINUBU MAY BE WORSE THAN BUHARI

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo has criticized Bola Tinubu's administration, warning it might be even worse than Muhammadu Buhari's in corruption and governance.

FEDERAL GOVT. REJECT PROPOSALS FOR 200 NEW UNIVERSITIES

The Nigerian government is pushing back against proposals for nearly 200 new universities. Education Minister Tunji Alausa says the priority should be improving existing schools. He urges lawmakers to focus on infrastructure, teacher recruitment, and quality education instead.

ABACHA'S HENCHMAN, AL-MUSTAPHA, JOINS SDP

Former Late Gen. Abacha's CSO, Hamza El-Mustapha, joins SDP, swelling the ranks of the party with new powerful members mostly from northern Nigeria.

BUHARI DISMISS RUMORS OF DEFECTING FROM APC

Former President Muhammadu Buhari has restated his commitment to the APC, dismissing claims of distancing himself. He pledged continued support for the party's growth.

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